

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner	(2) MEETING DATE 6/4/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ian Parkinson 781-4540	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the use of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$88,000 to purchase a replacement K-9 vehicle and equipment, ballistic helmets, surveillance cameras and make repairs to the firing range; authorize a corresponding budget adjustment in Fund Center 136 – Sheriff-Coroner; and amend the Sheriff-Coroner's Fixed Asset List.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the use of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$88,000 to be used to purchase a K-9 vehicle and K-9 equipment, Sheriff's Office range repairs, twenty-one (21) ballistic helmets and six (6) camera replacements;</li> <li>2. Approve a corresponding budget adjustment in Fund Center 136 – Sheriff Coroner;</li> <li>3. Amend the fixed asset list for the Sheriff's Office to include the K-9 vehicle in the amount of \$24,700 and K-9 equipment of \$5,300.</li> </ol> A four-fifths (4/5) vote of the board is required for all items			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Asset Forfeiture	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$88,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1213159 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff - Coroner / Ian Parkinson  
781-4540

DATE: 6/4/2013

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board:

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2. Approve a corresponding budget adjustment in Fund Center 136 – Sheriff Coroner;
3. Amend the fixed asset list for the Sheriff's Office to include the K-9 vehicle in the amount of \$24,700 and K-9 equipment of \$5,300.

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## DISCUSSION

The Asset Forfeiture Program began in 1984 with the passage of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act. This Act has become a very powerful tool for targeting criminals, including drug dealers and white collar criminals, who prey on the vulnerable for financial gain. One of the most important provisions of asset forfeiture is the authorization to share the proceeds of federal forfeitures with cooperating state and local law enforcement agencies.

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program not only serves to deter crime, but also provides valuable supplemental resources to state and local law enforcement agencies. Permissible uses of the funds provided by the program include law enforcement equipment, drug and gang education and awareness programs and the expenses from the purchase, lease, construction and expansion of law enforcement or detention facilities.

It is not permissible to use funds from the program to pay for the salaries and benefits of current, permanent enforcement personnel, or for education related costs, food and beverage, or for any use that creates the appearance that shared funds are being used for political or personal uses.

Based on those guidelines for permissible use, the following items will be purchased with Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds:

1. **\$30,000 for K-9 Vehicle and K-9 Equipment** – Currently, the Sheriff's Office has one K-9 assigned to the jail. This K-9 is used for both the main jail and the honor farm. A vehicle is necessary to transport the K-9 between these locations and to weekly training. The K-9 is currently being transported in a department owned vehicle that was formally used for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. Since this vehicle is department owned, depreciation expense has not been incurred; therefore there are no replacement funds. This vehicle, a

2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser, has been experiencing end of life mechanical issues and is in need of replacement. It is recommended that this vehicle be replaced with a Ford Escape in the amount of \$24,700. This vehicle will not be an addition to fleet, but a replacement funded by Asset Forfeiture Funds. In addition, a crate with a two drawer side equipment box will be purchased in the amount of \$5,300 to transport the K-9.

2. **\$25,000 for Range Repairs** - The range is utilized by the Sheriff's Office for monthly training. In addition it is made available for many other local law enforcement agencies as a means of collaboration and local assistance. The range upkeep is done by range staff and inmate labor. The range is in need of repairs to the "baffle" structures and the sidewalks. The baffles are used to create a visual barrier, noise dampening and are part of the Sheriff's Office range agreement with Camp San Luis Obispo. The asphalt sidewalks are in need of repair due to holes and cracks that pose a trip and obvious safety hazard. In addition a 12x12 shed will be purchased to store range supplies and equipment.
3. **\$18,000 for 21 Ballistic Safety Helmets** - The Sheriff's Special Enforcement Division Team (also known as SWAT) is deployed in crisis events and wears specialized safety equipment. The ballistic safety helmets are required to be worn every time the team is deployed. The Sheriff's Office needs to replace 21 ballistic helmets.
4. **\$15,000 for 6 Camera Replacement** - The Sheriff's Office Special Operations Units investigates gangs and narcotics in the County. The unit has old analog cameras that are used for surveillance and are in need of replacement and upgrading.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The Fleet Services Division of the County's General Services Agency was consulted for price quotes.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The requested \$88,000 in expense will be offset by revenue of \$88,000 from Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds and will have no impact on the Sheriff's budgeted level of General Fund support. Because this vehicle is replacing another vehicle already in service (the PT Cruiser mentioned above), no additional General Fund support will be needed for annual garage charges and fuel. Annual maintenance and fuel cost are estimated to be \$6,230.

#### **RESULTS**

The purchases outlined above will enhance the capabilities of the Sheriff's Office which contributing to the County's community-wide goal of a Safe Community: "The County will strive to create a community where all people-adults and children alike-have a sense of security and well-being, crime is controlled, fire and rescue response is timely, and roads are safe."